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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Bandy ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 689
SHORT TITLE San Juan County Methamphetamine Treatment SB _____
ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY07 | FY08 | | |
| | \$500.0 | Recurring | General Fund |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 689 appropriates \$500.0 to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to pay for San Juan County's methamphetamine treatment program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Department of Health, methamphetamine abuse has grown considerably statewide in the last several years, especially in the smaller communities and rural areas of the state. Reporting use by high school students increased over 150% between 2001 and 2003 (Methamphetamine Working Group 2005 Statewide Strategy Recommendations, p. 2). Methamphetamine abuse was identified to be particularly severe in San Juan County.

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In FY07, San Juan County received a state appropriation from the Local Government Division of DFA to convert an unused jail building into a substance abuse treatment center which is currently operational (Source: NM Drug Policy Alliance). The County also received \$170.6 from the Department of Health, Behavioral Health Services Division through Value Options New Mexico for treatment services to methamphetamine clients.

If HB 689 is enacted, DFA intends to contract with the San Juan County government to operate the program (Source: Ken Hughes, DFA).

DFA is a member of the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative and, as such, funding received would need to be coordinated through Value Options.

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